

CITY MANAGER'S

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Media

Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business

Local businesses are a vital component of Moreno Valley's economy. Each month the City Council highlights two businesses during a Council Meeting. This month the City has recognized [Sonora Grill](#) and [March Frame Shop](#). [All episodes](#) are available on the [City's YouTube Channel](#). Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business airs daily on MVTV-3. Recent statistics indicate these videos have received more than 70,000 views in the last six months across all of the City's social media platforms.

Mayor's Minute April 2017

Mayor's Minute is a monthly news magazine series hosted by Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez. This month's topics include:

- Emerging Leaders Council-sponsored Youth Conference
- The City's first Telephone Town Hall Meeting
- Moreno Valley's Memorial Day Events

Mayor's Minute is available on the City's [YouTube Channel](#) and airs daily on MVTV-3.

Building and Safety Month Graphics

The City's Graphics Team designed materials to celebrate National Building and Safety Month, including several posters, banners, and signs to welcome City Hall visitors during this special month.



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Library Services

Summer Reading Program (SRP)

Library staff is preparing for this year’s Summer Reading Program (SRP), “Reading by Design” to be held from June 19 to July 31. The program is open to readers of all ages. Every reader who reads five books earns a prize. Special library programs are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.. Reading logs will be accepted at the children’s reference desk beginning June 19.

Human Resources Department

Total: 15 recruitments as of 4/10/17

Total Employees: 417

Retirements/Separations: 0/0

Recruitments		Workers Compensation	
New recruitments:	11	New claims:	1
Ongoing recruitments:	4	Ongoing open claims:	31
Closed recruitments:	10	Closed claims:	0

New Hires



Darren C. Ziegler
Deputy City Attorney I



Steven Sutton
Maintenance Worker I

Library Patron Trends:

- Library patrons completed 390 15 minute sessions
- Library patrons completed 393 30 minute sessions
- Library patrons completed 2,806 60 minute sessions
- Library patrons completed 889 Children’s sessions

Program Statistics:

- Adult programs hosted 134 attendees
- Bilingual storytime hosted 123 attendees
- Family Night programs hosted 153 attendees
- Preschool storytime programs hosted 89 attendees

June Library programs:

- Ken Frawley June 20 at 11 a.m.
- Teen Advisory Meeting June 21 at 5 p.m.
- Georgette Baker June 22 at 11 a.m.
- CARD of Moreno Valley June 22 at 6 p.m.
- Music by Chazz June 27 at 11 a.m.
- Money Games June 28 at 5 p.m.

Community Development Department

Animal Services

Girl Scout Daisy Troop #120 Tours Animal Shelter

April 1 was a very busy day for the girls from Girl Scout Daisy Troop # 120. The trip to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter was one of three stops that day. The girls first started off at the recycling center, followed by the Dollar Tree Store, then the Animal Shelter. The girls earned their “Clover” petal (Use Resources Wisely) by recycling and understanding how it helps our planet. The money they received from the recyclables was then used at the Dollar Tree



store to purchase items needed for the Animal Shelter. The girls also received their “Talk it Up” leaf by using their earned money to help others. By touring the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, the girls will receive a “Fun” patch. The girls were very excited to learn about being responsible pet owners and to meet many of our furry friends. Animal Care Technician Nicole Blomberg and the girl scouts (pictured) had a great time interacting with the shelter pets.

Animal Services Participates in the 2017 Public Safety Expo

The Animal Services Division was well represented this year at the 2017 Public Safety Expo on April 1 with Animal Control Officer Ashleigh Renz and Animal License Inspector Denise Cooper on hand to answer questions and display the equipment they use every day to keep the community safe. This year Animal Care Technician Megan Palau brought along five adoptable pets from the Animal Shelter where one lucky pet, a young male Chihuahua and his new owner, Juana Garcia, found each other.

Petco Foundation Announces \$20,000 Grant Approval to Animal Shelter

On April 3, the Petco Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant for construction of a dog play yard at the Animal Shelter. This grant award will directly benefit the homeless canine population at the Animal Shelter by allowing these pets an opportunity to engage in play group activities with other dogs in an outside and secure area.

The dog play yard will also allow staff to use the area for temperament testing of dogs with people and other pets as well as provide a “meet & greet” area where potential adopters can interact with a future new family addition. Thank you Petco Foundation!

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinic Results

On Saturday, April 15, the Animal Shelter held a low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic at the Animal Shelter. Dog and cat owners took advantage of the reduced pet vaccination fees along with being able to renew or purchase their dog's license, as well as purchase a HomeAgain microchip for only \$10.

Results of the clinic:

Number of Dogs Receiving Rabies Vaccination	143
Number of Dogs Receiving a 5 in 1 Vaccination	100
Number of Bordetella Vaccines Administered to Dogs	71
Number of Dog Licenses Sold	82
Number of Cats Vaccinated for FVRCP	2
Number of Cats Receiving Rabies Vaccination	0
Number of Microchips Implanted	63

Earth Day Pet Adoption Event Results

From Thursday, April 20 through Saturday, April 22, 32 pets were adopted (20 family adoptions and 12 rescues) along with 5 pets reclaimed by their owners resulting in **37 positive outcomes for pets** during the annual Earth Day Pet Adoption event. Adoption fees were \$50 for dogs and \$15 for cats, which covered the spay-neuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip, and vaccinations.

Update on Trap-Neuter Release Program

The Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) pilot program was implemented by the Animal Services Division on October 21, 2015. During April 2017, 53 feral cats were altered and returned to the field. The goal of the program is to reduce the over-population of feral cats within the community. Since inception of the TNR program, 767 feral cats have been saved from being euthanized. Feral cats that are removed from areas in close proximity to schools and businesses are not selected as TNR candidates but are available to interested individuals as well as to animal rescue organizations.

Upcoming Events

The following upcoming events are planned during 2017 at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter:

- \$5 Fridays Cat & Kitten Adoption Event – Every Friday during the month of June, Fridays June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Father's Day Pet Adoption Event – Thursday, June 15 & Friday, June 16, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. & Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- \$5 Thursdays Cat & Kitten Adoption Event – Every Thursday during the month of July, Thursdays July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- "Freedom Days" Pet Adoption Event – Wednesday, July 12 – Friday, July 14, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Pet Adoption Kick-Off Event for NBC 4 & Telemundo 52 "Clear the Shelters" – Saturday, July 29 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Administration

First Nandina

The First Nandina project was approved by the Planning Commission on October 9, 2014. No appeal was filed on the project. Demolition of the existing structures on the site was completed in April, 2016. The project proposes to construct a 1.45 million square foot warehouse/distribution center on 73 acres located at the southwest corner of Indian Street and Nandina Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The developer, First Industrial Properties, has received strong early interest from potential tenants.

First San Michele Logistics

First Industrial is constructing an 187,000 square foot logistics facility at San Michele Road and Perris Boulevard. The structure is nearing completion and the tenant, Wiseway Transportation Services, has been issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for storage purposes while construction is being completed. Community Development, along with other departments, is working with the developer and tenant to get the facility completed before summer.

March Business Center

Western Realco's March Business Center project at the southeast corner of Iris Avenue and Heacock Street, in the Moreno Valley South Industrial Area, is more than 80% complete to date. The project was approved for 1,484,000 square feet of warehouse/logistics space on the 75-acre site. The first two buildings, the larger of which encompasses 1,103,000 square feet, are complete. Western Realco has sold both buildings and the larger building has been leased to Floor and Décor with operations under way.

Karma Automotive

The tenant improvement for Karma Automotive, at 17100 Perris Boulevard, is approximately 98% complete. The process of testing of all assembly and paint equipment, robots, computers, and procedures is complete. Karma has been constructing "test" vehicles, attending auto shows, and is gearing up for full production and sales this summer.

Prologis

The 601,810 SF Prologis industrial building on the corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue has been issued a building permit and construction is underway.

SimpliCITY – Doing business with MoVal just got easier!

On May 16, the City of Moreno Valley launched an online service portal to provide residents, business owners and developers even easier access to building safety permits, code compliance cases, planning projects, and much more.

SimpliCITY, an easy to use web-based system, is available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the City of Moreno Valley's website.

SimpliCITY makes it easy to search project information by date, address, parcel number or project record number. Users can find the most current updates on the status of records, property information, related project records, lists for new projects and permits issued by the City without having to come to City Hall.

The online portal is just another step in unleashing the full power of SimpliCITY. Later this year, SimpliCITY will combine with the development services record tracking system to provide even greater functionality including automating all applications, permits, inspections, enforcement cases, cashiering, and all aspects of the development and municipal code process.

Building & Safety

Projects

- A grading permit for the "Quarter Project" has been issued and the project is underway. Plan check is in the last stage for a 104 guest room Holiday Inn Express, a four-story 114 guest room Residence Inn, a 76 gas station and convenience store, and a multi-tenant retail building at the northeast corner of Day and Eucalyptus, the former site of Robertson's Ready Mix. These are the first four plan check submittals for the "Quarter Project" which will eventually also include a drive-thru fast-food restaurant and a second retail/restaurant building.
- Hibbett Sports, a major sporting goods chain with more than 1,000 stores nationwide, has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy and is open for business in the Moreno Valley Mall.
- The Cactus Commerce Center, to be located at Cactus Avenue and Commerce Center Drive, has submitted plans for the first phase of the project which includes a diesel and gas station, car wash, and drive-through restaurant. Future submittals to complete the project will include two additional restaurant pads and a small industrial building.
- Building permits have been issued and construction has commenced on five models for Lennar Homes' "Meadow Creek" tract at Pigeon Pass and Old Lake Roads, north of the 60 freeway. The project has been approved for 161 single-family homes.
- CulichiTown, a sushi and Mariscos Sinaloa style restaurant, located on Sunnymead Boulevard between Graham and Heacock Streets, has been issued a tenant improvement permit and expects to open to the public by early June.

Quick Statistics

The following Building & Safety Division statistics are a comparison of April year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

BUILDING & SAFETY	April 2017	April 2016
Customer Counter Visits-Total/Daily Average	680/34	579/29
Building Permits Issued	315	205
Construction Valuation	\$11,699,068	\$20,070,008
Construction Inspections Performed	1,313	1,418
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	22	18
Plan Check Activity	154	103
Monthly Revenue	\$219,062	\$409,850

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY	Business Name
Temporary Certificates of Occupancy	
BFC16-0195 (renewal)	O'Reilly Auto Parts (Perris Blvd)
BFC17-0016 (renewal)	Serta Simmons
BFC17-0013	Wiseway Transportation Services
BFC16-0123	Farm Market
BFC17-0004 (renewal)	Floor & Decor
Towngate Mall Certificates of Occupancy	
BOO17-0023	Daisy LLC
BOO17-0058	Wapa International
Restaurant Certificates of Occupancy	
BFC17-0036	Saigon Bistro
BOO17-0061	Cajun Wild!
BOO17-0063	Uncle Em's Southern Smokehouse
BOO17-0068	Manachai Thai Cuisine
BOO17-0070	Burrito Boss
Tract Certificates of Occupancy	
Lot #	Developer & Tract #
25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 69-72	Pacific Communities – Tract 33256

Code & Neighborhood Services

Quick Statistics

The following Code & Neighborhood Services Division statistics are a comparison of April year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	April 2017	April 2016
Cases Initiated	302	518
Closed Case Investigations	326	417
Parking Citations Issued	1,878	2,345
Administrative Citations Issued	56	23
Counter Customers	325	346

Planning

Quick Statistics

The following Planning Division statistics are a comparison of April year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

PLANNING	April 2017	April 2016
Counter Customers	320	283
Entitlement Major/Minor Applications	18	43
Plan Check Submittals	66	38
Application Fees	\$137,261	\$75,634

Planning Commission

April 27, 2017

- The Planning Commission elected the new officers for Chair and Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Jeff Barnes was selected as the new Chairman and Commissioner Patricia Korzec was selected as the new Vice Chair.
- A Plot Plan was approved for an exterior and interior remodel including a small addition to an existing building for a total of 24,902 square feet. The remodeled building will accommodate 15 new tenant spaces within an existing shopping center. The project is located at 14920 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Yaolong Chen. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- A Plot Plan was approved for a 99,978 square foot industrial building on a 6.71 acre parcel on a site located at the southwest corner of Brodiaea Avenue and Heacock Street. A variance for the building size was also approved with the project due to unique site constraints that include a triangular shaped parcel, an easement for the California Aqueduct and a segment of storm drain channel. The applicant is Core 5 Industrial Partners. The project is within City Council District 1.
- PEN16-0042 - A Zone Change from R1 to R2 for a 10 acre site was continued to the Planning Commission meeting of May 25, 2017. The project is located at the south side of Mountain Ranch Road at the Northshore Drive. The applicant is Naji Doumit. The project is located within City Council District 2.

City Council

No items went before City Council.

Administrative Approvals

The following projects were approved administratively in April:

- A Plot Plan was approved for a 242,804 square foot warehouse building, with a 450 square foot pump house. The project is located at the northwest corner of Perris Boulevard and San Michele Road. The Applicant is Bastien and Associates, Inc. The project is located within City Council District 4.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the architectural review for the single-family homes to be constructed on the south side of Brodiaea Avenue, south to Cactus Avenue on both sides of Quincy Channel. The applicant is KB Homes Southern California/Inland Empire. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- A Plot Plan was approved for a 600 square foot accessory dwelling unit located at 27498 Walfred Way. The applicant is Joseph Lockhart. The project is located within City Council District 2.

Recent Case Submittals

- A Master Plot Plan application was submitted for a commercial center at the southeast corner of Moreno Beach Drive and John F. Kennedy Drive. The project also includes a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed gasoline station, convenience store and car wash within a commercial center. A separate Conditional Use Permit was submitted for a drive-through restaurant, and a Plot Plan was submitted for a medical office. The applicant is Winchester Associates, Inc. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- A Conditional Use Permit was submitted for the sale of beer and wine at an existing convenience store. The project is located at 13373 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Martha Veloz, Carniceria Las Glorias. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for color changes to multi-tenant building under construction in Town Gate Square. 12848 Day Street. The applicant is Focus Day Street, LLC. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for an arcade and a business center. The project is located at 25073 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Battleground Esports and Business Center. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for minor site plan changes including the installation of six (6) new vacuums at the Union 76 Gas Station. The project is located at 22470 Cactus Avenue. The applicant is Golden State Enterprises, LLC. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the approval of additional auto parking for the Prologis Moreno Valley Logistics building. The project is located at 23450 Brodiaea Avenue. The applicant is Deirdre McCollister. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for the installation of enhancements to the pump stations for the Mobile Gas Station located at 24440 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Promotion Plus Sign Company. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a gazebo at the Moreno Valley Ranch Community Center. The project is located at 16010 Rancho De Lago. The applicant is Moreno Valley Ranch Community Association. The project is located within City Council District 3.

- A Plot Plan was submitted to convert an existing second dwelling unit into a duplex. The project is located at 12906 Indian Street. The applicant is Douglas Moreno. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Amended Plot Plan was submitted to install an 18,000 square foot prefabricated metal building at the existing Supreme Truck Bodies. The project is located at 22135 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Supreme Truck Body. The project is located within City Council District 1.

Other Highlights

- A Notice of Preparation for a Draft Environmental Impact Report regarding the City of Riverside’s Housing Element has been submitted for review and comment.
- The Division is tracking and reviewing the Southern California Association of Government’s Draft 2017 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (Amendment 2), which includes the region’s commitment to improve mobility, sustainability and the economy.
- The Advance Planning team continues to track and complete items provided in the City’s approved Strategic Plan (Momentum MoVal), including Initiatives 1.3.8 (Logistics Workforce Training Strategy), 1.4.4 (Nason Street Corridor Study), 1.9.2 (General Plan Scope of Work, Budget and Schedule Recommendations), 1.9.4 (Comprehensive General Plan Update), 5.2.3 (Vacant Parcel Screening) and 5.2.2 (General Plan Health Element).

Economic Development Department

Business Workshops

As the State of California embarks on Small Business Month, the City of Moreno Valley is partnering with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to host three workshops that benefit local businesses. The first workshop is approaching.

TITLE: Take Your Business to the Next Level
DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2017
TIME: 9-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center
 14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley



This workshop is designed to help Moreno Valley businesses separate from the crowd and reach their profit and performance goals. It will feature a meet and greet with representatives from the SBA, the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Inland Empire Women’s Business Center and Inland Empire SCORE. Get answers to questions about your business’ specific needs in this interactive setting.

Topics include how to:

- Increase customers and revenue
- Define your market and market to the right customer
- Identify local resources
- Sell abroad

Additional workshops are scheduled to discuss SBA contracting and accessing capital. SBA offers these workshops in partnership with the City, in addition to monthly SBDC and SCORE workshops. For a full schedule of upcoming training events, please visit www.morenovalleybusiness.com/events.

For jobseekers, the City also offers monthly workshops on improving your resume writing and interview skills. All are conducted at the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center through the Hire MoVal program. For more information about the Hire MoVal program, please contact the Economic Development Department at 951.413.3460 or email hiremoval@moval.org.

Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center – Service Update

During the month of April 2017, the ERC provided the following services:

	April 2017	2017 Year to Date
Total Number of People Assisted	935	3,682
Number of Moreno Valley Residents	580	6,206
Percentage Moreno Valley Residents	71%	59%
Number of Workshops	3	25
Number of Job Fairs	12	24

The Employment Resource Center is located at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Center and is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, residents and employers are encouraged to call 951.413.3920 or email erc@moval.org. In the market for a new job? Join the [Hire MoVal Job Seekers' List](#) today!

Unemployment Report

Unemployment in Moreno Valley has declined substantially since it peaked at 17.5% in 2010. The latest release from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) indicates that employment in Moreno Valley and throughout Riverside County remained stable in March 2017.

The following table provides comparison unemployment data for the State, County, and several Inland:

	March 2016 Rate	March 2017 Rate	March 2017 Unemployed Count
California	5.4%	5.6%	942,000
Riverside County	5.9%	5.5%	58,200
Banning	5.2%	4.8%	500
Beaumont	3.5%	3.2%	600
Corona	4.6%	4.3%	3,500
Eastvale	3.9%	3.6%	1,100
Hemet	8.2%	7.6%	2,200
Menifee	6.9%	6.4%	2,400
Moreno Valley	6.3%	5.8%	5,500
Murrieta	4.7%	4.4%	2,300
Perris	8.6%	8.0%	2,400
Riverside	5.6%	5.2%	7,900
San Jacinto	8.8%	8.2%	1,500
Temecula	4.2%	3.9%	2,100

Home Resale Market

Home sales information from CoreLogic (www.corelogic.com) indicates that Moreno Valley's average home resale value dropped just slightly following February's large gain, down \$3,813 from \$300,817 in February to \$297,005 in March. This month, the volume of sales jumped by 58.4% (80 more properties sold in March than in February 2017).

Comparing year to year, the average resale housing price has increased by \$28,486, a 9.6% increase in one year.

The monthly and annual volume and value trends are shown in the chart below.

	February 2017	March 2017	Monthly Change Mar '17 v Feb '17	March 2016	Annual Change Mar '17 v Mar '16
Number of Resale Transactions	137	217	Up 58.4% 80 more units sold	162	Up 34% 55 more units sold
Home Resale Value	\$300,817	\$297,005	Down 1.3% \$3,813	\$268,519	Up 10.6% \$28,486

Economic Development Summary

Curious about new businesses coming to Moreno Valley? Be the first to know! Check out the monthly update of the [Economic Development Summary](#) to learn more about Moreno Valley's business location advantages on the dedicated Economic Development website: www.morenovalleybusiness.com.

Financial & Management Services Department

Treasury Operations

Annual Business License Renewal Update

Many businesses are continuing to work through the annual business license renewal process. Through May 1, 2017, a total of 8,599 businesses have completed their renewals. The online business license portal has continued to see a significant increase in the number of businesses taking advantage of this quick and easy way to submit renewals. Through the end of April nearly 2,100 businesses have taken advantage of the online renewal feature which is up from 1,800 in the prior year. If you have any questions please feel free to consult the Business License webpage (www.moval.org/biz-lic) or contact the Business License team at 951-413-3080.

Financial Operations

FY 2017-18 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Annual Action Plan

On May 2, 2017 the City Council approved the Annual Action Plan that is the City's application for approximately \$3 million to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The plan specifically identifies how the City of Moreno Valley will support 30 activities across these three separate grant programs in the upcoming year. Grant funds will be utilized to provide a variety of community development, housing, and homeless programs and projects that benefit low and moderate-income households and neighborhoods in Moreno Valley.

Financial Resources

Adoption of the FY 2017/18 and 2018/19 Budget

The Moreno Valley City Council has approved the City's two-year budget which will continue to preserve the fiscal strength of the City while funding key services to protect and enhance our community and increasing the City's capital investments. Fully balanced, the Budget does not draw upon financial reserves or one-time monies to sustain ongoing services. The two-year budget was based on the City's "Momentum MoVal" strategic plan, addressing community priorities while maintaining a balanced budget. The two-year budget marks the sixth straight year of achieving balanced spending plans for Moreno Valley, which was recently ranked as one of the nation's top fiscally strong cities. In approving the budget, the City Council directed funding to put more police officers and firefighters on the streets, open the City's first satellite library and boost Economic Development programs which have already added more than 9,000 jobs over the last three years. Input from the community provided through the prior development of the "Momentum MoVal" strategic plan, Study Sessions, Town Hall meetings, and participants who provided feedback through the City's online Balancing Act program, ensured that the spending plan reflects community priorities.

Electric Utility

Installation of three Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at City Hall

Moreno Valley Utility is pleased to announce the installation of three electric vehicle charging stations at the City Hall parking lot off of Calle San Juan De Los Lagos. Two Level 2 chargers, which can fully charge some electric vehicles in just four hours, were installed along with a fast charge station, which can provide an 80% charge of the electric vehicle in just 30 minutes.



The chargers' installation was funded in part by grants from the South Coast Air Quality Management District with the purpose of promoting the installation of a fast charging network throughout Southern California.

The chargers use mobile applications from two of the largest electric vehicle network providers in the country – Chargepoint and EVgo. These applications allow users to access additional chargers in the area and the state and connect with other electric vehicle drivers.

Payment will be accepted at the chargers with a credit card or through an EVgo or Chargepoint account.

Reliability Certificate

Moreno Valley Utility received their second Excellence in Reliability certificate from the American Public Power Association. This certificate honors utilities which significantly outperform the electric industry national average in reliability as measured by the length of outages in minutes. Moreno Valley Utility's customers experienced an average outage of less than 4 minutes in 2016, far shorter than the 69 minute averages posted by the top performing 25% of utilities across the nation.



Purchasing & Facilities

Facilities staff received calls regarding a sewer line blockage issue at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Using a camera, two items were found in the sewer line: a plastic bag and what appeared to be a round plastic disc. After unsuccessful attempts to remove these items, the decision was made to dig below the building to the sewer line at the location of the objects, which was below the front lobby of the EOC. After digging down five feet and removing these items causing the backup, the sewer drains are now in good working order.

Fire Department

Public Safety Expo

Fire Safety Specialist and the Fire Systems Inspectors hosted a fire safety booth at the annual Public Safety Expo on April 1. The team gave away approximately 250 smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors generously donated by Amazon. The team also educated many more residents on the maintenance and replacement of existing smoke alarms.

The Office of Emergency Management focused on educating the attendees on the Emergency Operation Center functions, including the City's response and short-term recovery efforts from an incident or natural disaster. The core functions of an EOC were outlined including: coordination, communication, resource allocation and tracking, as well as information collection, analysis and dissemination related to a specific incident. OEM Program Specialist Andrew Cheng and volunteers also provided an overview of the Emergency Response Force (ERF) volunteer program which included ERF vehicles and discussion of the volunteers' roles and responsibilities during an emergency event. Tours were offered of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trailer, and information was supplied on upcoming training classes and volunteer opportunities.



Fire Prevention

Hazard Abatement

On April 26, Fire Systems Inspectors completed the inspection of approximately 1,700 vacant parcels as part of the City's annual Hazard Abatement program. Notice of Violation letters were sent out to the parcels that are in need of abatement and follow up inspections will be conducted.

With the recent high temperatures, strong winds and lower humidity, unabated, vacant parcels pose a significant threat to the public and property in the event of vegetation fires. The goal of the program is to have vacant parcels cleared of excessive dry vegetation, as well as junk trash and debris prior to the start of fire season. Fire prevention staff worked with Technology Services staff to configure ACP and the inspectors' mobile application to facilitate and streamline this endeavor. Additional staff ensured plan review, construction inspections and multi-family inspections continued to get completed effectively and efficiently.

Office of Emergency Management

Office of Emergency Management

OEM hosted a teen CERT class for 15 students from Canyon Springs High School from April 21 through April 23. Students attending this class learned disaster preparedness skills with an emphasis on decision making, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Additional lifesaving skills included fire suppression with a fire extinguisher and light search and rescue. CERT is a grant-funded program conducted at minimal cost to the City which allows the Fire Department to provide essential disaster preparedness training to our citizens.



On April 24 and 27, OEM staff conducted and presented two American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) courses to City staff. This course empowers certified employees to perform quality CPR on adults, children and infants. Additionally, personnel were trained to properly utilize an automatic external defibrillator (AED) and how to assist if someone is identified as choking. OEM successfully certified 31 City employees over the two days.

Fire Operations

On April 8, Engine 58 was dispatched to a reported commercial structure fire at the Walmart Supercenter located on Moreno Beach Dr. in Council District 3. Upon arrival, firefighters reported a large single story store filled with smoke. An investigation conducted by firefighters found two piles of clothes and a clothes rack smoldering in the middle of the store. The fire was immediately contained to the area of origin. One store employee was evaluated by fire paramedics and was transported to a local area hospital for evaluation of smoke inhalation. The fire was determined to be arson, and there is an active investigation to locate those responsible.

On April 9, Engine 2 was dispatched to a reported structure fire with explosions located in Council District 3 area. Upon arrival, firefighters reported smoke and flames coming from the front of the garage area of a residential structure extended into the main living space and attic. With a comprehensive and strategic interior attack by engine companies and vertical ventilation performed by Truck 2, the advancement of the fire was quickly stopped. Six family members were displaced and care was rendered by the American Red Cross. There were no injuries to civilians or Fire Department personnel. The cause of the fire remains unknown and an investigation is continuing.



On April 18, Engine 65 was dispatched to a medical emergency located in Council District 4. Upon arrival, the emergency type changed to a person in cardiac arrest. Once on scene, firefighters found a 58 year old female patient pulseless and not breathing. Fire paramedics began aggressive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) intervention including advanced airway management, intravenous (IV) access and cardiac monitoring. Within eight minutes of treatment, the patient had a return of spontaneous circulation. The patient was immediately transported by American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) with a fire paramedic maintaining patient care.

On April 22, Engine 91 responded to a medical emergency located in Council District 4. Upon arrival, fire fighters found an elderly male lying in bed with difficulty breathing, a life threatening slow heart rate, and possible fever. The patient's family stated the patient is normally ambulatory and able to converse. Fire paramedics began ALS interventions including oxygen, IV drug therapy and temporary cardiac pacing. The patient was immediately transported by AMR to RUHS with a firefighter paramedic maintaining patient care. Patient care was transferred to emergency room staff at RUHS. Prior to Engine 91 leaving the hospital, the patient's vitals, including heart rate, were improved.

Police Department

Case Of The Month

On April 6 officers from the Moreno Valley Police Department responded to a business in the 14000 block of Perris Blvd after receiving a commercial burglary alarm. Upon arrival, officers began to check the business and noticed the ceiling panels were disturbed. Officers saw the suspect climb upward into the ceiling above the ceiling tiles and out of view. Officers began setting up a perimeter around the business and ordered the suspect to climb down from the ceiling. After forty minutes, the suspect came down, and was taken into custody.

Patrol

Patrol officers responded to 9,631 calls for service during the month of April. On April 9, officers conducted a traffic stop for violations of the California Vehicle Code. During the traffic stop, investigative leads led officers to seek the assistance of a K-9. A search of the vehicle was conducted and a ½ lb. of methamphetamine was located. Officers followed up with a search warrant of the driver's residence. A search of the residence was conducted where additional methamphetamine was located and a large sum of cash was seized. The driver was arrested for drug sales and transportation.

Community Services Unit

In April, the Community Services Unit (CSU) participated in four Explorer meetings, one Volunteer meeting, one Reserve meeting, one Neighborhood Watch block captain's meeting, attended 12 community events, and hosted Coffee with a Cop in Zone 3.

Volunteers

The Moreno Valley Police Department relies heavily on volunteer forces to assist with providing valued service to the residents of Moreno Valley. During the month of April, volunteers provided 811 hours of service to the Moreno Valley Police Department. Volunteers conducted Citizen Patrols in marked volunteer patrol cars, assisted the Business Office with incident callouts, assist with any necessary perimeter security, road closures, other duties as needed, and assisted with monitoring the City Wide Camera System.

2017 Public Safety Expo

On April 1, the City of Moreno Valley hosted the 4 annual Moreno Valley Public Safety Expo. The Moreno Valley Public Safety Expo is an opportunity for residents to speak to first responders and view their vehicles and lifesaving equipment. This year's Public Safety Expo included two helicopters, a K9 demonstration, "Jaws of life" car cutting demonstration, and numerous static displays. Approximately 4,000 people attended.

Traffic Team

OTS Grant Operation

During the month of April, the MVPD Traffic team conducted several OTS directed enforcement operations consisting of 1 DUI/DL Checkpoint, 1 "Know Your Limit" DUI Awareness/Educational Operation, 4 Distracted Driver Operations, 1 Pedestrian Decoy Operation, and 1 DUI/DL Court Sting Operation.

Traffic Stops/Citations Issued

The MVPD Traffic Team conducted 1470 vehicle stops, wrote 1296 Hazardous/moving violation citations, 138 non-hazardous violation citations, and 142 parking citations. In addition, the team arrested 37 people for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs (15 involved a traffic collision), made six felony arrests, and 20 misdemeanor arrests.

Traffic Collisions

The MVPD Traffic Team responded to 48 Minor-injury collisions, 48 Non-injury property damage only collisions, 3 Injury hit and run collisions, 96 Non-injury hit and run collisions 0 major-injury collisions and one fatality collision. In addition, the MVPD Traffic Team responded to 41 reckless driver calls, 31 traffic hazard calls, 73 abandoned vehicle calls and 12 disabled vehicle calls.



Special Enforcement Team

This multi-focus team currently consists of the MVPD Gang Team, Narcotic Enforcement Team, Problem Oriented Policing Team, and Burglary and Robbery Suppression Team.

During the month of April, the Special Enforcement Team served 13 search warrants, made 36 felony arrests, 44 misdemeanor arrests, seized 1 pound of methamphetamine, 54.2 grams of cocaine and recovered \$5,000 in stolen property.

On April 4, the Robbery Suppression Team (RST) began to investigate a home invasion that occurred in the 12000 block of Moreno Beach Drive. RST members learned that on March 28 the victims advertised property for sale on a social networking website. The suspect answered the advertisement and agreed to meet with the victims at their residence. When the suspect arrived, the victim invited him in to look at the property for sale. Once inside the residence, the suspect brandished a handgun, demanded the victim's property, and fled the area. RST members gathered several investigative leads and obtained several search warrants to obtain the identity of the suspect who was subsequently arrested and booked into the jail.

Investigation Bureau

During the month of April, the MVPD Investigations Bureau investigated 175 crimes related to a variety of property and person's crimes. The Investigations Bureau also authored and served six search warrants, arrested 4 suspects, and filed 4 cases with the District Attorney's Office. In addition, detectives conducted 24 residence checks for sex registrants, interviewed 67 individuals required to register as sex registrants and conducted four business checks of massage parlors.

Business Office

The Moreno Valley Police Department Business Office oversees the day to day functions of the Department along with tracking all reports for the Police Department. During the month of April, the Business Office assisted approximately 2,573 customers at the front counter of the Moreno Valley Police Department, processed and entered 1,734 reports into the Records Management System to meet the deadline for the State Uniform Crime Report. In addition, the Business Office entered 1,096 citations into the Crossroads Tracking System, processed over 60 vehicle releases and 291 arrest reports for filing with the Riverside County District Attorney.

Public Works Department

Capital Projects

Farragut Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

Roadway Engineering and Contracting, Inc. has completed the construction of curb, gutter, and driveway approaches on the north and west sides of Farragut Avenue and has begun the sidewalk installation. The next scheduled items of work is the construction of similar concrete improvements on the south and east sides of the street.

Upon completion of the concrete work the contractor will repave Farragut Avenue from Elsworth Street to Sherman Avenue. Construction is scheduled to conclude in July 2017 (weather permitting).



Heacock Street Improvements from Iris Avenue to Gentian Avenue

Sequel Contractors, Inc. has completed grading on the southeast corner of Heacock Street and Gentian Avenue. Underground utilities have been marked for trenching operation as required for the electrical backbone infrastructure installation. All erosion control measures have been installed to protect the work area and storm drain inlets from rain runoff. Construction is scheduled to conclude in August 2017 (weather permitting).



Cycle 7 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Enhancements

FS Contractors, Inc. has completed the construction of the new access ramps, striping and installation of traffic signs.



City Clerk Department

City Council Summer Break

During the summer months, the City Council traditionally breaks for summer from mid-July through mid- August, cancelling regularly scheduled meetings during this period. The City Council recently voted to cancel the following meetings:

- Regular Council Meetings: July 4, July 18 and August 1
- Study Sessions: July 11 and August 8

Summer at City Hall

The 2017 Summer at City Hall program will be held from June 12 to July 6. The collaborative project with Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD) is a leadership development and civic engagement program for students during the summer break. In addition to the academic aspect of the program, the City also provides work experience through internships twice per week.

There were 26 applicants for 15 spots in the program. The successful candidates were selected after a rigorous application and interview process. Several departments will benefit from the work the student interns will perform over the course of the program.



Board and Commission Vacancies

Citizen engagement and civic participation is crucial to policy and program design. Eleven citizen-led boards and commissions meet regularly to guide policy. Applications are being accepted for several current and upcoming vacancies in the following boards and commissions:

- Accessibility Appeals Board: 2 - Conducts hearings on written appeals regarding Title 24 accessibility issues brought by any person aggrieved by enforcement action taken by the Building Division of the Community Development Department of the City of Moreno Valley.
- Arts Commission: 3 - Considers all matters pertaining to the planning and support for the arts in the City of Moreno Valley.
- Emerging Leaders Council: 5 - A student-led body with the desire and potential to become community leaders. The ELC focuses on youth related issues and community service.
- Environmental & Historical Preservation Board: 2 - Considers matters of environmental concern and matters pertaining to the preservation of the City's heritage and cultures.
- Library Commission: 3 - Provides input and recommendations for the development, implementation and maintenance of the City's library programs and services. Members are appointed to the Commission by the City Council.
- Parks & Recreation Commission: 2 (Adult) and 1 Teen - Considers matters pertaining to the administration, operation, development, improvement and maintenance of parks, recreation facilities, and parks and recreation programs within the City.
- Planning Commission: 2 - Considers matters pertaining to development and zoning within the City and has decision making authority pursuant to the Government Code of the State of California. Members are appointed to the Planning Commission by the City Council.
- Recreational Trails Board: 3 - Considers matters pertaining to single-use and multi-use recreational trails, including bicycle, jogging and equestrian trails within or affecting the City.
- Senior Citizen's Board: 3 - Considers matters pertaining to senior citizens and senior citizens programs, including policies for the Moreno Valley Senior Community Center.
- Traffic Safety Commission: 3 - Considers matters of traffic safety within the City, evaluates proposals for traffic control devices and evaluates the need for striping, signing or other measures not of a regulatory nature.
- Utilities Commission: 2 - Acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council and staff in all matters pertaining to Moreno Valley Utility (MVU), pertaining to other utility services such as water, sewer, gas, and the investor-owned electric utility serving parts of the city.

To learn more or apply, please visit http://www.moval.org/city_council/commissions.shtml.

Parks & Community Services Department

Community Events

- On June 21, the United Way will be hosting **“Day of Action/Day of Care.”** This event will bring thousands of people in more than 300 communities across the world to volunteer through United Way to make their community a better place. The Parks and Community Services Department will be assisting the United Way by providing two sites, the Senior Community Center and Sunnymead Park, for volunteers to do landscaping and painting.
- The Moreno Valley Arts Commission is hosting its 10th annual **Artoberfest** on October 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Conference and Recreation Center. This free family-oriented event will feature painting demonstrations, poetry readings, and performances from singers, dancers, and musicians. Additionally, there will be plenty of great food, an instrument playground, and pet adoptions. Artists and crafters will set up booths to display their artwork. Numerous types of art will be represented, including photography, pottery making, jewelry, oil, acrylic, pastels, sculpture, and watercolor.
- At the request of the Moreno Valley Public Library, the Arts Commission is working with the community to paint **“Library Boxes,”** which will be installed throughout the city. The Library Boxes are provided by Little Free Library, which is a non-profit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Their motto is “Take a Book, Leave a Book.”

Community Services

Recreation Programs

- **Time for Tots** registrations continues to increase as summer approaches. All three sites are full of children preparing for kindergarten. In addition to the curriculum, participants enjoyed special activity days including Silly Day, Cinco de Mayo Celebrations, Mother’s Day Celebration, Frog Day, and the end of the school year celebrations. For the Mother’s Day Celebration, more than 100 mothers/grandmothers/aunts joined the children and staff for the annual Mother’s Day Celebration on May 16. The Conference and Recreation Center ballroom was full of music, multiple crafts, and song performances by the program’s participants. The Time for Tots program concluded on May 25. The summer program will begin on June 12.



- Curriculum and activities are being planned for the summer Valley Kids Camp and the new Valley Teen Camp, which begins on June 5. This newly revamped summer program will be action packed with field trips, arts, crafts, lightly competitive games, and other seasonal activities. Summer Valley Kids Camp and Valley Teen Camp will run through mid-August. The City will partner with the Val Verde Unified School District to provide the campers lunch and afternoon snacks through their summer food program.
- New **Recreation Classes** offered in May include:



Drawing Illustration, which is a four-week class lead by Phearless. This art class is a “hands-on” course designed to teach students the basic composition principals of drawing from concept to completion.

Adaptive Zumba is a Latin inspired and easy to follow dance workout. People with various mobility issues can easily adapt Zumba's movements to fit their ability and range of motion. Many movements can be done with the upper body from a seated position. Zumba works the whole body in a fun and encouraging atmosphere.

Sports Programs

- The **Summer Youth Basketball Clinic** began on May 1. This two-week long clinic provides a fun atmosphere which helps develop skills using fun drills and games to keep the 50 youth participants motivated while preparing for our upcoming **Summer Basketball League**, which will start near the end of May.
- **Pee Wee, Junior, and Junior PLUS Flag Football** is coming to an end, with teams finishing up their last week of scrimmage games. Over 180 youth participants enjoyed a six-week long fun season. Players will be joined by their teammates, coaches, and families at an end of the season banquet on May 16 at the Conference and Recreation Center Ballroom. At the banquet, players will enjoy food and drinks while receiving their participation trophies.
- The first **Girls Volleyball Clinic** took place on May 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and May 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Conference and Recreation Center. Local collegiate coaches from CSUSB introduced players to the fundamental skills required in volleyball such as passing, serving, setting, and hitting. All skill levels were welcomed.
- **Pee Wee and Junior T-Ball** sign-ups are now open for children ages 3-7. The season begins May 30 and is sponsored by Les Schwab Tires. Participants will practice for three weeks, followed by three weeks of friendly scrimmage games.
- The spring season of the **Adult Softball League** is currently underway. There are seven co-ed teams and six men’s teams battling it out on the fields every Thursday and Sunday evening. Registration is also currently being taken for the upcoming summer season which will begin in early June, as well as for the annual summer “Beat the Heat” **Adult Softball Tournament** on June 3 and 4.



Senior Community Center

- Free **watch repair** is offered to the seniors the first Monday of the month.
- Every Wednesday, the Senior Center hosts **Al Rhama Food Bank**. Al Rhama Food Bank generously provides the seniors with fresh produce, cakes, breads, canned goods, and other pantry items. The seniors each receive 15 items to take home. This food bank distributed food to roughly 600 seniors in April.
- **Friends of the Senior Center** sponsored the birthday celebration of seven seniors on April 24. Along with a celebratory lunch, and cake was provided by Regal Insurance.
- The lettering on the two block walls on Fir Avenue were painted to make the **Senior Center signage** more visible to traffic.
- The Senior Center hosted an exciting monthly game of **Family Feud** on April 27. Seniors that participated were entertained by our own MC Scott Nicholson and his co-host Maria Villalobos, who provided the score and sound effects. Prizes for this event were generously provided by Humana Insurance.
- The annual **Spring Fling Dance** was held on April 20 with 70 seniors participating in dancing, playing games, raffle prizes, and enjoying great food.
- A free **iPad class** was held on April 7 with 15 participants.
- **Loteria (Mexican Bingo)** is growing every week with up to 25 participants in the month of April.

Grant Program

A Child's Place

- **"A Child's Place" Program** is teaching children all about the life cycle of a butterfly. Through a series of activities, students are learning about metamorphoses from a caterpillar to a butterfly. Through hands-on observations and journal writing, the children are learning about the habitats, eating habits, and growth cycle.
- The staff is in the process of completing the yearly self-review evaluation. Staff is collecting parent surveys, evaluating their classroom using the School Age Environmental Rating Scale (SACERS), and summarizing Desired Results Assessments on each student. The final report is due on June 1.



THINK Together

- **THINK Together Promoting Academic Success:** Chaparral Hills - Auxiliary tutoring is going well. The Cheetahs continue to practice math in a fun, yet challenging atmosphere. The groups meet Monday through Thursday for an interactive math learning session.
- **THINK Together Supports Healthy Living:** Students at Moreno Elementary School are focusing on healthy living and learning different methods of living a healthier lifestyle. Some of these methods included an obstacle course, a soccer challenge, a mindfulness Corner (Yoga), and Stretch Starters.

- **THINK Together Building Student Athletes:** With the support of MVUSD, THINK Together has established the Middle School Sports Program. Basketball was the first sport at six sites, with a total of 80 students participating in the basketball tournament. The event focused on character building, youth development, and peer support by having students spend one hour of homework tutorial before practice every day and shaking hands with the opposite team before and after every game. The students are building camaraderie and learning to self-manage their behaviors, which in turn, improve the program.



- **THINK Together Reads:** THINK Together held its annual reading contest for all students participating in the after-school extended learning program. The sites with the most points received a special incentive, which was a pizza party at Shakey's in Moreno Valley. Each child completed one of the following: posters, book cover, film strip, mobile, character, compare/contrast summary, skit, or diorama.

Parks Maintenance

Vandalism and Graffiti

Parks Maintenance staff spent 28 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 15 sites.

Park Ranger Statistics

Park Rangers patrolled 1,230 areas, had 4,895 public contacts, and issued 433 citations including curfew, vandalism, parking and alcohol.

Court Referral Workers

Court referrals worked 696 hours (87 work days).

Park Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Aerated, over seeded and top dressed greens at the golf course.
- Trimmed palms at entrance to fields at Sunnymead Park.
- Renovated turf at TownGate I ball field.
- Changed out lamps on Sunnymead Park and Woodland Park ball fields.
- Trimmed palms at Bethune, Celebration and Vista Lomas Parks.

Conference And Recreation Center Rentals

- In addition to church services and various meetings in April, the following notable rentals were held at the **Conference and Recreation Center**.
- The **Riverside University Health System Foundation** sponsored the fifth Annual Sexual Assault Response Team Conference. The theme was, “It is time to talk about it” and featured topics from “Trauma Informed Care” to “A Survivor Story.”
- The **Moreno Valley Wind Symphony** held another outstanding performance featuring classical favorites with “no strings attached.” Works of Prokofiev, Rossini, Berloiz and Bernstein, all expertly transcribed for wind band to bring these great works to life. The Symphony provided a baby grand piano for this classical performance.
- The **Moreno Valley Unified School District** hosted its Foster Youth Summit providing lunch and various speakers and resources for the students.
- The **Moreno Valley Ballet Folklorico Association** hosted its 10th Annual Scholarship Show providing a showcase for the residents of Moreno Valley. Students of all ages enjoyed performing for over 500 guests with standing room only.
- **Workability 1 Region 5** hosted its regional conference for the first time in Moreno Valley. This conference included the Moreno Valley Unified School District Workability staff which recommended the Conference Center for their event.
- The **Moreno Valley College EOPS/Care Programs and Guardian Scholars** offered a night of achievement and celebration for the graduates who participated in the program. These programs provide resources and necessary tools to help disadvantaged and low-income students graduate and transfer to complete their college experience.

The following projects are underway:

- Install new weather-based irrigation controllers at Gateway Park.
- Add wooden fibar to Adrienne Mitchell Memorial and Pedronena Parks.
- Repairs to water feature at Celebration Park.
- Spraying weeds on trails.
- Aerate and fertilize baseball fields at Sunnymead, Morrison and Shadow Mountain Parks (*30% complete*).
- Fertilize sports fields (south, John F. Kennedy Park, Woodland Park and March Field Park).
- Trim trees at various park sites (*80% complete*).
- Trim trees at the front of the Cottonwood Golf Center.
- Repair wire short on water feature at Celebration Park.
- Open Field 4 at El Potrero Park and close Field 3.
- Add mulch to El Potrero West Park around shelter.
- Finish Grande Vista Trail; DG and fence repair.
- Weed abate Morrison Park and Markborough property.
- Repair areas of artificial turf at Community Park.
- Level infields at various baseball fields.